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Docket No. 3788-7000 US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

L. AUSUBEL

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FOR MULTIPLE OBJECTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, line 6, add -- the conduct of an-- after "to" (first occurrence) and delete "conduct".

Page 1, line 14, change "soonest" to --earliest--.

Page 4, line 11, after "terminal" insert -- (BET)--.

Page 4, line 12, after "processor" insert -- (BIP)--.

Page 4, line 23, after "," add --is--.

Page 4, line 24, change "." to --?--

Page 6, line 12, delete "safe".